GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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MSP OF MUSTARD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the different Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Mustard has been announced for different regions;

(b) If so, whether the farmers of several States are forced to sell Mustard on a price lower than MSP; and

(c) If so, the steps taken by the Government to provide relief to farmers ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): No, Sir. The Government of India fixes MSP which is uniform through out the country. Government of India fixed MSP for Mustard seed at Rs.1700 per quintal in 2004-05 and at Rs.1715 per quintal in 2005-06 and 2006-07.

(b)&(c) : To see that the farmers get remunerative prices for their produce and do not resort to distress sale, National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED), as the designated Government agency has undertaken mustard seeds procurement operation at the MSP on a massive scale. NAFED procured 20.93 lakh MTs of Rabi 2005 mustard in 2005-06 and 22.05 lakh MTs of Rabi 2006 mustard in 2006-07. More procurement is going on.